What is claimed is:

1. A multimedia mailbox system, comprising:

5   a) a message store for storing multimedia messages;
          and

       b) conversion means for converting messages in one
          medium to messages in another medium, said
10   conversion means being sensitive to the type of
          target device being used to access the stored
          message.

15 2. A system according to claim 1 wherein said conversion
    means includes at least two selected from the group
    consisting of a text to speech converter, a speech to
    text converter, and a fax to text converter.

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    3. A system according to claim 1 further comprising
    means for determining the type of target device being
    used to access the stored message.

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    4. A system according to claim 1 further comprising
    means for summarizing message contents based on the type
    of target device being used to access the stored message.

5. A mailbox system, comprising:

    a) a message store for storing text messages;
and

    b) means for summarizing the message content of a
stored text message that operates as a function of
the type of target device being used to access the
stored text message.

6. A system according to claim 5 wherein said means for
summarizing is operative to summarize a stored message
based on a predefined set of target device related
parameters.

7. A system according to claim 6 wherein said predefined
set of target device related parameters includes target
device display size.

8. A system according to claim 6 wherein said predefined
set of target device related parameters includes target
device buffer size.

9. A system as set forth in claim 5 wherein said target device is a mobil device.

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10. A system as set forth in claim 9 wherein said mobil device is a pager.

10 11. A system as set forth in claim 9 wherein said mobil device is a PDA.

12. A system as set forth in claim 9 wherein said mobil
15 device is a cell phone.

13. A method for managing a multimedia mailbox system, comprising the steps of:
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   a) storing multimedia messages in a mailbox; and

   b) converting messages in one medium to messages in another medium, said conversion means being
25   sensitive to the type of target device being used to access the stored message.

14. A method according to claim 13 wherein said step of converting messages includes utilizing at least two selected from the group consisting of a text to speech converter, a speech to text converter, and a fax to text converter.

15. A method according to claim 13 further comprising determining the type of target device being used to access the stored message.

16. A method according to claim 13 further comprising the step of summarizing message contents based on the type of target device being used to access the stored message.

17. A method for managing a mailbox system, comprising the steps of:

   a) storing text messages in a mailbox; and

   b) summarizing the message content of a stored text message operates as a function of the type of target device being used to access the stored text message.

18. A method according to claim 17 wherein said step of summarizing is operative to summarize a stored message based on a predefined set of target device related
5   parameters.

19. A method according to claim 18 wherein said predefined set of target device related parameters
10   includes target device display size.

20. A method according to claim 18 wherein said predefined set of target device related parameters
15   includes target device buffer size.